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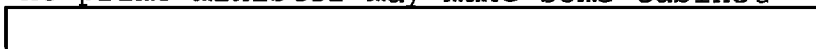
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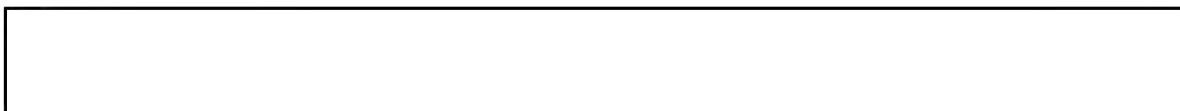


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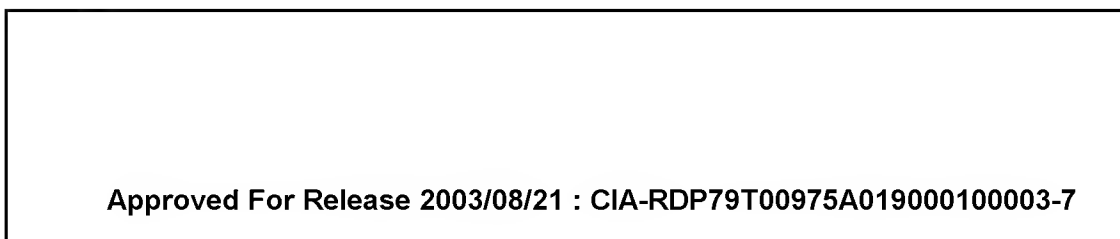
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CEYLON: PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE MAY MAKE
SOME CABINET CHANGES SOON.

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THE PRIME MINISTER IS CONTEMPLATING THE DISMISSAL OF
SOME MEMBERS OF HER THREE-PARTY COALITION GOVERNMENT
FOR CONNIVING WITH THE "CHE GUEVARISTS" INSURGENT
MOVEMENT AND FOR ENCRDACHING ON HER POWER. SHE IS
WORRIED, HOWEVER, THAT SOME OF THE MINISTERS, IF RE-
MOVED, MIGHT USE THEIR CONTROL OF TRADE UNIONS TO
GENERATE DISTURBANCES.

TYING THE MINISTERS WHO ARE LIKELY TO BE DIS-
MISSED WITH TRADE UNIONS COULD INDICATE THAT ONE OR
MORE OF THE MINISTERS FROM THE TROTSKYITE PARTY MAY
BE UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR DISMISSAL AS THEY ARE
ACTIVE IN LABOR MATTERS. ALTHOUGH SOME LOWER-ECHE-
LON TROTSKYITE LEADERS HAVE BEEN CONNECTED WITH THE
INSURRECTION, THERE HAS BEEN NO EVIDENCE SO FAR IN-
VOLVING THOSE OF CABINET RANK.

THE CABINET IS A MIXTURE OF MODERATES AND LEFT-
ISTS, INCLUDING THE THREE TROTSKYITES AS WELL AS
THE SOLE COMMUNIST. ALTHOUGH HER PARTY CONTROLS A
SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY IN THE LOWER HOUSE OF PARLIA-
MENT, MRS. BANDARANAIKE ALSO MAY BE RELUCTANT TO
MOVE FOR FEAR OF ALIENATING THE MANY LEFTISTS IN
HER OWN PARTY. A FEW MINISTERS OF MINOR IMPORTANCE,
HOWEVER, COULD PROBABLY BE REPLACED WITHOUT CREATING
A STIR OR DIVERTING ATTENTION FROM THE INSURRECTION,
WHICH SEEMS TO BE ENTERING A RELATIVELY QUIET PHASE
INVOLVING PROTRACTED JUNGLE SKIRMISHING.

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